Promotion of efficient public transport system

1059. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI CM. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the "Delhi page" Asian Age dated 9th April, 2001 experts opine that setting up and implementing proper emission norms and making available cheap, efficient public transport system arc the best ways to check pollution rather than a total depending on any particular technology; and

(b) if so, what steps have been and arc being taken to promote public transport and to control pollution otherwise, than depending of a single fuel and a technology not yet tried and established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR):(a) Yes. Sir. This is onc of the best ways to check pollution.

(b) This involves coordinated efforts by various Ministries/ Departments like the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Department of Urban Development, Planning Commission, Ministry of Railways and the Government of NCT of Delhi. This Ministry is of the view that dependence on a single fuel for public transport is not desirable and sustainable.

Notification on use of LPG as an Autofuel

†1060. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to grant permission to make use of LPG in car as fuel for checking pollution and for this purpose the work relating to manufacturing of specific LPG cylinders is in progress;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued notification in this

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

regard so that car users could check pollution by making use of LPG as fuel;

(c) if so, when the notification was issued; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Government have taken a decision to allow use of LPG as an automotive fuel for four wheelers with a fixed fuel tank. The use of LPG as an auto fuel will be legally permitted after the publication of LPG (Regulation of Use of Motor Vehicles), Order 2001 which is in the final stage of publication.

Allotment of LPG agency at Nalanda

1061. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether interview for allotment of LPG agency at Nalanda was held in month of May, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the candidate who has been allotted the agency;

(c) whether it is a fact that the allottee docs not own any land for showroom/godown which is onc of the pre-requisites for allotment;

(d) if so, whether Government would order an enquiry into the matter; and

(e) what other action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (e) The selection for LPG agency at Nalanda was carried out by Dealer Selection Board (DSB), Patna-I in a interview held on 30th and 31st May, 2001 and in the merit panel the first empanelled candidate was Ms. Anju Kumari. Selection has been made as per the procedure.